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BETHEL, MAINE, THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 1917.

\$1.50 IN ADVANCE.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.
Subject of the morning sermon next Sunday, "The Unexpected in Life." There was more than the usual attendance at the morning service last Sunday, and the evening meeting was very interesting, full of helpful suggestions.

The Social Six met with the President, Miss Marjorie Allen, last Saturday.

The regular March meeting of the Y. M. U. A. was held March 5 at the home of the Pastor.

A very enjoyable sociable was held by the Y. M. U. A. last Friday evening in Grange Hall.

METHODIST CHURCH.
The Ladies' Aid has an all day meeting at the church on Thursday with picnic lunch at noon.

Last Sunday witnessed the largest attendance at the morning service in many weeks. In the evening the same plan was used as during the summer months, the young people furnishing the leader for the meeting and using the Epworth League topic, the pastor closing the service with a brief address. This service regularly at 7 o'clock until further notice.

The morning topic for next Sunday is, "Motives that Govern."

The last of the popular entertainment course—programs tonight at the Grange Hall—the Griswold Sisters' Quartet.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.
The losing side of the Goto-Church Band for last term, led by Linwood Wilson, will entertain the winning side led by Ruth Brown at Garland Chapel, Thursday evening.

The text for next Sunday's sermon will be John 7:37.

The Christian Endeavor service in the evening will be led by Mrs. Chandler.

It being vacation at the Academy there will be no Scout meeting next Monday evening.

The Ladies' Club will meet Thursday afternoon with Mrs. E. B. Tuell. The new chairs for Garland Chapel have come.

The annual parish meeting will be held next Tuesday afternoon, Mar. 13.

MISS HALE BEFORE MEN'S CLUB.

Miss Florence Hale, State Agent for Rural Education, addressed the Bethel Men's Club and the Parent-Teacher Association last Wednesday evening at Bethel Inn.

Miss Hale is a very interesting, entertaining and forceful speaker. She has exceptional skill in telling a good story in just the right place. She spoke of some of her own experiences when she was a teacher and gave words of encouragement to those who are still teaching. She urged parents to get better acquainted with their teachers thereby avoiding those misunderstandings and mistakes which are bound to be the result if teacher and parent do not work together for the welfare of the child.

She mentioned in a very delightful way Bethel's beautiful scenery and the gracious hospitality of the Inn.

Miss Hale has a strong personality, is a philosopher, and radiates good cheer. She is an inspiration to every teacher with whom she comes in contact.

FOR SALE.

Pair bay horses, well matched, good workers or drivers, either single or double; also set of work harnesses, two horse wagon gear, and hay rack, all in good condition.

P. M. HARKEN.
Bethel, Maine.

LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN

On Feb. 15, 1917, a brown and yellow colored dog, answers to the name of Towser. Owner's name on collar. Reward offered. Please notify ABNER H. KIMBALL, Route 3, Bethel, Me.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of Bethel Library Association for the election of officers and the transaction of other necessary business will be held Wednesday evening, March 14, at half past seven o'clock in the library room.

MARY C. HENRICK, Secretary.

Dean's Rheumatic Pills for Rheumatism and Neuralgia. Naturally vegetable. Safe.

TOWN MEETINGS

In spite of the storm Bethel citizens turned out a large crowd for it was rumored there was to be "something doing." It started with the election of Clerk, and before it was known what was being done Wesley Wheeler was elected over Davis Lovejoy.

The next contest came over the second selectman with N. E. Richardson, E. P. Brown and F. B. Merrill in the field. Richardson and Merrill received for the lead for four ballots but on the fifth Brown's supporters turned to Richardson and Richardson was elected with 122 votes to 109 for Merrill. For third selectman F. B. Howe led Guy Bartlett by a vote of 115 to 92 on the first ballot.

It was voted to pay one cent on the dollar for collecting taxes, and the price per day for the road commissioner or and fire ward was fixed at \$3. It was decided to have but one road commissioner and it was recommended that F. A. Brown be appointed. Good Roads Day was left to the Selectmen.

The article that brought forth the most discussion was in relation to the appropriation for common schools. It was finally voted to raise \$3,600 in order that there might be a school year of 36 weeks.

Moderator—H. H. Hastings.
Clerk—Wesley Wheeler.
1st Selectman—F. A. Brown.
2nd Selectman—N. E. Richardson.
3rd Selectman—F. B. Howe.
Treasurer—N. E. Brown.
Auditor—W. W. Hastings.
School Com.—R. B. Tibbitts.
Tax Collector—F. B. Hall.
Budget Committee—F. A. Brown, N. E. Richardson, F. B. Howe, F. H. Byram, F. B. Merrill, F. J. Tyler, J. A. Twaddle, F. P. Bean, A. L. Grover, A. P. Chapman, Herman Mason, Maurice Tyler.

Appropriations	
Common Schools,	\$3,600.00
Repair of Schoolhouses,	550.00
Text-books,	300.00
Secondary School Tuition,	1,100.00
Plans for Schoolhouses,	15.00
Remodeling Schoolhouse,	350.00
Summer Roads and Bridges,	5,000.00
Winter Roads,	1,000.00
State Aid Road,	600.00
State Highway Maintenance,	100.00
Snow Roller for West Bethel,	75.00
Support of Poor,	1,000.00
Town Officers,	2,000.00
Miscellaneous Expenses,	200.00
Town Debt and Interest,	320.00
Memorial Day,	25.00
Bethel Band,	25.00
Collector's Bond,	12.50
Bethel Library,	300.00
New Road,	275.00
Covering Sand at Middle Intervale,	600.00
Total,	\$17,611.50

RUMFORD.

Rumford's new municipal building was certainly appreciated by its citizens on Monday, March 5, when they met in town meeting in the auditorium, where there was ample room for all the voters to be seated, and where the ladies interested in the proceedings could sit in the galleries in comfort and see and hear what was going on. Rumford, although of sufficient size to have a city government, rather prides herself on hanging to the town form of government, where every voter can air his thoughts, and where he has a chance to discuss every article in the warrant if he so wishes. The actual pride some fine old voter will take in moving to pass some article in the warrant is really worth while to see—and the oratory! Well, Congress has nothing on Rumford when it comes to the good old fashioned town meeting! The meeting was called to order at 10 A. M. by Clerk Oliver A. Pettengill, and the following town officers were elected with but very little contest, after which the warrant, consisting of some 65 articles was acted upon with total appropriations of \$17,611.50. The officers so elected are: Selectmen, Jean B. Tariff, chairman, Fred W. Davis, John B. Martin, this board was also elected to serve as assessors and overseers of the poor. Mr. F. B. Martin was re-elected as Treasurer; James McMenamin was re-elected as Tax Collector. It was voted that the rate for collecting taxes be established at three quarters of 1 per cent, and the rate for collecting poll taxes be 5 per cent. Dr. B. W. Trask was elected to serve on the School Board for three years; James B. Stephenson was elected Auditor. All minor town officers are to be appointed by the selectmen. The final adjournment was about 4 P. M.

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BETHEL INN

Happenings of the Week

Mr. and Mrs. C. Clement of Boston are guests at the Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hilley left for Boston, Tuesday morning, where they expect to stay for a day or two, returning to Bethel the last of the week.

Mrs. Rockwell King of Chicago has been at the Inn for a few days. She is the mother of Mrs. DuMoulin, who has been spending the winter in Bethel. They left for New York, Tuesday morning.

Mrs. L. A. Hills and her daughter, Miss Peggy Hills, of Boston are at the Inn for an indefinite stay. This is their first visit and they are enjoying the winter sports and social life of the Inn to the utmost.

Miss Florence M. Hale, Inspector of Rural Schools, was an overnight guest at the Inn, where she spoke at the meeting of the Men's Club on Feb. 23. It was "Ladies Night" and the meeting was well attended and the speaker very warmly applauded.

Judge A. E. Herick holds the championship for indoor golf at the Inn. Last week he was showing a party of eight Harvard students how he did it and made the goal in "four." He is now trying for "three" straight. The usual score is about "nine."

Charles L. Harrison, Jr., of Cambridge, Mass., was a week end guest at the Inn, leaving Sunday night for home. He made the most of his short stay, enjoying the sleighing, snow-shoeing and other sports, and leaving Bethel and his friends here with much regret.

George W. Davis of Portland was a guest over Sunday at the Inn. He was enthusiastic over the toboggan chute, and tried his luck on skis, which he handled wonderfully well for an amateur. He enjoyed his stay so well he has promised to return as often as possible while the winter sports are good.

Among other guests at the Inn the past week were: G. W. Pulver, Boston; Frank J. Weld, Boston; George D. Murray, Portland; W. H. Boughn, Waltham, Mass.; J. P. Carl, Bangor, Me.; N. Y.; F. J. Harlow, Gorham, Me.; P. C. Prince, Portland; C. A. White, Portland; C. E. Johnson, Boston; E. G. Brown, Newburyport, Mass.

A GOOD HEN STORY.

Mrs. Mark Arsenault has a flock of seventy-three full blooded White Wyandottes and R. I. Red hens which have given a pretty good record for as cold a winter as we have had. During the months of December, January and February they laid 2,174 eggs and during February laid each day as follows: 30, 35, 32, 33, 35, 35, 39, 33, 36, 33, 35, 30, 31, 39, 41, 37, 35, 40, 34, 33, 32, 37, 41, 34, 33, 40, 34, making a total of 998 eggs for the month.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Miss Frances Carter was a guest of Mr. E. P. Lyon and family last week.

Mr. Sidney Jolley has returned from the C. M. G. Hospital much improved.

The town school closed last Friday and the teachers have returned to their homes.

Beatrice Swicker was unable to work at Maple Inn last week owing to an injury to her arm.

Last week Mrs. Mary Capen and little granddaughter, Rebecca Carter, were guests of Miss Minnie Capen.

The W. C. T. U. will meet next week, Tuesday, at Mrs. Andrew's and a program appropriate to the birth day of Gen. Neal Dow, Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens and Frances Willard will be given.

The class party of the graduating class of Gould's Academy have been assigned and are as follows: Valdeley, Mariel Park; salutatory, Elvin Wilson; class history, Annie Cummings; class prophecy, Bernadine Philbrook; presentation of class gift, Le school, Nellie Harrington; presentation of gifts to class, Ruby Ashby; oration, Herbert Bean; ode, Lawrence Kimball; march, Harry Young. The Academy closes this week for the spring vacation.

78th MAINE

LEGISLATURE

Our Special Correspondent Writes of the Past Week's Work

One man was heard to complain last week that this was the dulliest session of the legislature he ever remembered—and that was a very considerable indictment as he must have been at least 26 years old. But he admitted that he didn't know where any of the committee rooms were and that he hadn't been in the House last week during any of the wrangles over the Lewiston police bill, that he didn't hear the debate over either the Michael Burns or N. J. Hanna resolves, that he didn't see the blanket report on the resolve in favor of state-aid institutions and that he hadn't been noticing new legislation introduced. Outside of that he was fairly well informed—he knew the Governor's last name but couldn't remember his initials.

Michael Burns, the "original package" man got the same amount from this Legislature that he always receives, and if Mike puts that in his right eye it won't hurt him a bit. Both branches turned down his resolve, in accepting the committee's unfavorable report. The Lewiston police bill created two little storms in the House last week but the big fight comes this week on its final passage. The indications are that it will pass. N. J. Hanna is apparently assured of receiving the money he claims is due him for his services as fish warden under Commissioner Brennan who is said to have ordered it withheld. The resolve was given its passage to be engrossed in the House.

Adjournment was taken from Friday until 4:30 P. M. Tuesday, giving the members opportunity to meet "Town Meeting" day obligations.

Two of the most important committee reports to be made at this session of the Legislature were made last week by the committee on appropriations and financial affairs. Both were results of the budget system, one furnishing a new draft, in blanket form, upon resolves for State-aid institutions, and the other, in the same manner dealing with the Augusta and Bangor State hospitals. The totals of the former gave \$129,500 for 1917 and \$129,500 for 1918. The grand total required for the State hospitals for 1917 and 1918 is approximately \$1,063,500.

What the young man aforementioned missed in the committee hearings probably wasn't worry him much, but they were more entertaining than that vaudeville show he saw in Portland the other night, and more educational than a Burton-Holmes travelogue in the movies.

The professional accounting situation in Maine was shown up from various angles when the bill relating to this practice came before the committee on legal affairs. Numerous personal attacks were made against the chairman of the board of accountancy. The bill, providing examination of accountants and apparently prohibiting any one not passing the examination from practicing his profession, was generally opposed. The report was "ought not to pass."

The act to provide for the inspection of hotels, inns and rooming houses brought forth a strenuous protest from a large delegation of hotel men from various sections of the State.

A bill requiring license from hawkers and peddlers, \$25 in each town in which they operate, drew large representations from boards of trade and merchants throughout the State, its support before the judiciary.

Five new measures, each containing several sections, were heard last week before the temperance committee. One would make it unlawful for transportation companies to deliver liquors to any person other than the consignee, who shall sign a receipt. Express company officials will be held liable for knowledge of the consignee's identity, as are bank officials for the identity of the person who presents a check.

A letter from Senator Bert M. Fernald of Maine informs us that seeds designed by Maine, under the Government's free distribution plan, will be shipped from Washington about March 15. This will mean that the supply which the Senator has arranged for the Office to distribute among its readers ought to be available by the 20th of March.

A general sifting of the live stock sanitary commission's office, the startling statement of Dr. E. R. Baird of Waterville that more than 50 per cent of all live stock is infested with ticks.

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GRANGE NEWS

ALDER RIVER GRANGE.

Alder River Grange, No. 145, East Bethel, held its regular meeting Feb. 28, with visitors from Bear River Grange. A committee was chosen to buy a cook stove for the grange kitchen. A Washington program was carried out as follows:

Singing, Grange
Quotations, Mrs. Nina Swan, Edson
Bartlett and Mrs. Helen H. Bean.
Select Reading, L. E. Cole
Select Reading, Freshora Bean
Washington, Russell L. Swan
Inauguration of Washington, Mrs. L. C. Bartlett
Washington's Birthday, Mrs. M. E. Kimball
Patriotic Songs, Grange
All enjoyed refreshments of Washington pie, cherry pie, hot coffee and candies.

BEAR RIVER GRANGE.

Bear River Grange met Saturday evening, Mar. 3. Pro tem. officers: Chaplain, Pearl Chapman. Voted to extend Kilgore for giving her expenses to the Lecturers' Conference. Literary program: Reading, encore, Addie Saunderson; Song, encore, Lillian Smith and Elmer Bean; Reading, Nellie Holt. A committee of five was chosen to bring see getting up a drama. This committee consisted of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Saunders and P. O. Brink. Voted to have refreshments served for next Saturday evening after the dance. Refreshment committee: Florence Kilgore, Nellie Holt and Maud Bailey. Voted to have this same committee serve refreshments at noon, town meeting day at the Grange Hall, March 5th.

PARIS GRANGE.

Paris Grange was called to order by W. M. Frank Dudley, at 8 P. M., March 3. All of the officers excepting the Chaplain and Chorister were present. Mrs. Edith P. Thayer was installed as Pomona by Past Master J. A. Brooks. The third and fourth degrees were conferred on three candidates. A very interesting letter to the Grange from John B. Brown was read by Sister Wheeler. A vote was taken to invite the N. E. Milk Producers' Association to meet with Paris Grange in the afternoon of March 17, when the State Dairy Instructor, F. B. Adams will be present and give a lecture on dairying. The Grange will meet at 10:30 A. M. to do the regular Grange business. Sisters Emma Starbird, Myrtle Barnett and Ethel Cairns were reported on the sick list.

FRANKLIN GRANGE.

The regular meeting of Franklin Grange was held Saturday afternoon, March 3. One new name was received. The ladies decided to furnish the usual dinner on town meeting day. Our Lecturer is away so Mrs. Martha Dudley will serve till she returns. The following program was given:

Singing, Choir
Piano Solo, Mrs. Inez Whitman
Reading, Leola Davis
Paper on "Fruit," Ceres
Paper, "Fifteen Uncommon Wild Flowers," Pomona
Song, encore, John Hemingway
Question: "Which is more profitable, poultry raising or dairying?" Flora
Singing, Grange

LONG MT. GRANGE.

Long Mt. Grange held its regular all day meeting, Saturday, March 3. The Lecturer gave the following program:

Singing old songs, Grange
"Chip Basket," Grange
Reading, Florence Akers
Question: "Would it be practical for the farmers of Andover to engage in potato raising as carried on in Aroostook?" Opened by Bro. Richards
Followed by Bros. Hall, Bailey and Perkins.
Reading, Mrs. Y. A. Thurston
Singing old songs, Grange

GOVERNMENT SEEDS.

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Put your Want and Sale notices here and they will be read in 3,000 Oxford County homes—4 lines, 1 week, 25c. 3 weeks 50c.

NOTICE.

I wish to announce to the people of Bethel and vicinity that I am prepared to do all kinds of plumbing and repair work at a reasonable price, also sheet metal work. All work carefully and promptly attended to.

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Practice limited to diseases of the eye and the fitting of glasses. Office at house of Clarence Hall, Bethel. Last Saturday of every month. All work guaranteed.
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DOMESTIC SUPPLY CO.,
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Ten tons of good hay. Inquire of
MRS. J. C. BILLINGS,
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2-24-4.

RAGS WANTED.

Will pay 3 cents per pound for clean rags suitable for wiping presses.
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BUTTER.

If, at the end of every week, You'd have good butter, fresh and sweet
Delivered at your door
For forty cents per pound, no more,
Just drop a line to Maple Lane
For they're the farm that has the same.
MAPLE LANE FARM,
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2-15-4.

Typewriter to let by the week or month. 50c per week, \$2.00 per month. Inquire at
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SHOE AND RUBBER REPAIRING.

We have modern machinery and do our work in a reliable and finished manner. It pays to have your shoes repaired.

YOUNG'S SHOE STORE.

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HONGO POND.

Mr. and Mrs. Abner Kimball recently spent a few days in Portland and Westbrook.

John Kimball, who is working at Locke's Mills, visited his mother, Mrs. R. E. Kimball, the first of the week. Miss Rena George was the guest of Mrs. Ben Inman and Mrs. Willard Clough, Sunday and Monday.

Miss Jennie Kimball, who has been visiting in Bethel with Mrs. William Lowe, has returned home. Blanche Emery, who has been spending a few days at her home, has returned to her work at Geo. Hapgood's. Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Kimball called at Geo. Conners', Sunday. Messrs. Ed. McPhee and Tom Logan broke camp Tuesday and moved back home.

New Spring Garments

Coats, Suits, Dresses and Waists. We have a good showing in the store now and others coming in nearly every day.

SHIRT WAISTS. Colors are shown quite extensively this season in waists of Wash Silk, Crepe de chenes, Georgette Crepe and Wash Silk. SPECIAL SHOWING of Jap Silk in white, pink, peach, yellow, all sizes at \$1.98.

VOILE WAISTS in white, made with large collar, lace or embroidery trimmed, some beauties, 98c.

STYLISH STOUT SHIRT WAISTS of crepe de chenes in white or flesh color, designed just for large sizes, 44 to 50. Several styles at \$4.95.

NEW COATS. Materials are Poplins, Serges, Velours, Mixtures, "Pique Twill." Popular colors are Gold, Rose, Apple Green, Copen, Tans and the staple Navy and Black.

POPLINS AND SERGES in Gold, Copen and Navy, good lengths and full skirts, \$9.95 and \$11.45.

"WOOLTEX" COATS for spring are beautiful. The styles are new, but conservative, and you all know that "Wooltex" Garments are unusually well made. They hold their shape after hard wear. Prices of coats in stock \$16.45 to \$27.45.

DRESS SKIRTS in the new plaid serges, very stylish colorings, made with pockets, plaited and circular styles, prices \$8.75 and \$9.75.

SAMPLE DRESSES in fine serges, blue, green, navy, tan. These are all new, but we closed out the lot at much less than regular prices and give you the savings. \$12.45 to \$16.45 dresses for \$9.95.

Other New Spring Goods

that are coming in every few days. Gingham, Wash Goods, Muslins, Silks, Dress Goods, Neckwear.

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MAINE

HANOVER.

Mrs. Larry Doyle of Hanover is the guest of Mrs. J. J. McPherson.

Mrs. Leslie Davis and son have been visiting at S. P. Doyle's.

Mrs. Anna Lapham, who has been on the sick list, is gaining.

Glady and Eva Russell are at home as a vacation.

Mrs. Herbert Ross and son, Chester of Hanover have been visiting at A. L. Lapham's.

Mr. and Mrs. Myrtle Howard are visiting locally.

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BETHEL and vicinity

Mrs. Charles Valentine is assisting in the Post Office.

Mrs. Will Pool returned to her home in Oxford, Friday.

Mrs. Fred Tibbotts is visiting relatives in Brunswick, Me.

Mr. Ernest Ham of Norway was a week end guest of friends in town.

Mrs. Annie Willey is attending the Spring millinery openings in Boston.

Mr. Oscar Mason of South Paris was calling on relatives in town, Monday.

Mrs. Fernley Norton was calling on friends in town the last of the week.

Mr. H. C. Rowe went to Boston, Tuesday on a few days' business trip.

Mrs. Chas. Higgins of Albany was a guest of her cousin, Mrs. Fred Wood, last week.

Dr. E. L. Brown went to Boston, Friday, to attend a session of Tufts Dental School.

Mrs. Geo. Blake of Malden, Mass., is a guest of her brother, John Swan and family this week.

Dr. Gard Twaddle of Lewiston was the guest of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Twaddle, Saturday.

Mrs. George Swan of East Bethel visited Mrs. John Swan and family, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Miss Laura Cummings has returned home from Hanford, where she has been with Mr. H. S. Pushard and family.

Mrs. Lyman Wheeler is assisting in the Bethel Savings Bank taking the place made vacant by Miss E. E. Burnham.

Word has been received of the death of Mr. Ernest D. Kilgore at Gorham, N. H., Feb. 19. Mr. Kilgore was formerly of Bethel.

Mr. Ralph Sawyer, an employee of the Bethel Mills Co., has purchased the Edward King house on Main street, and is soon to occupy it.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland West of Errol, N. H., were week end guests of relatives in town, making the trip from Errol in their auto-sleigh.

Bethel friends are extending congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Andrews of Bethel on the birth of a son at Worcester, Mass., Feb. 21.

ALL WOOL SUITS

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Mr. L. A. Hall returned home from Harvard, Mass., Friday, where he has been spending a few weeks.

Mrs. Nancy E. Emery of Monmouth, Me., was a week end guest of her niece, Mrs. Lillian Stowell.

Miss Alice Mason has been in Orlando, Florida, for several weeks with her mother, Mrs. O. M. Mason, who is spending the winter there. Miss Mason will soon return to Melrose, Mass.

Miss Ethel Cole of East Bethel was the guest of her sister, Bertha Cole, at F. L. Edwards' last week.

Mrs. Cecelia Foster from Newry visited her daughter, Mr. Harry Hutchinson the last of the week.

Mr. A. Van Den Kerkhove went to Waterville the first of the week to attend a telephone convention.

Mr. William L. Chapman has sold to Osman Clifford and William Chadbourne of Paris all wool and timber standing on the Chapman farm on the Locke's Mills road.

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Everything in the world, from plants and flowers to birds and bees on up to the scale of humanity, has work to do to put its particular section of the universe in order. Are you willing to do your share?

The work of a human being may be the simple task of digging a ditch or the lofty and elaborate calculation that leads to the discovery of a new star. Whatever your work is, rest assured it has its part in the scheme of things. Perhaps all your life long you will dig your ditch splendidly and well, and yet rise to no bigger thing.

Even if a material reward does not come to you, is there not a glowing satisfaction in throwing off your covers and rising with warm enthusiasm to your "ditch digging"? The actual consciousness that you have a part in the work of the world and that you are doing well is a reward beyond any crown of laurel. No external can ever matter as much as the internal joy of being at peace with your own soul and knowing that you are doing your actual best.

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too rich food or permit them to come to the table at too early an age. Older people know from experience and can judge what will nourish them.

It is little children, then, who should have their meals planned for them with greatest care. Food should be selected for them that will give them health, strength and a chance to develop. It has been estimated that children from three to six years of age need to be fed from four to six times a day, or when they crave food. Their stomachs will not contain a great quantity of food at once, but they will eat in 24 hours half as much food as an adult if it is presented properly and is well prepared.

Milk, bread, butter, jellies, cooked fruits, eggs, vegetables and well-cooked cereals, that are not too coarse, and as little meat as possible, make an ideal diet for young children.

Besides milk there is cocoa and malted milk and "cambie" tea, but coffee and tea should never be offered to children, the taste for them is acquired and it is impossible to tell the great amount of harm these stimulants do to the delicate organs of young children. Very famous dietitians who study children's needs say that the breakfast should be warm and satisfying and that the midday meal should be the heaviest of all and be followed with a nap.

An early supper is desirable, and a glass of milk or a bowl of bread and milk will insure healthy sleep if given when the little folks are made ready for bed. Between the meals lunches or "pieces" may be given, but they should not be sweet things but of substantial foods. If cakes and sweetmeats are given between meals the natural, healthy appreciation of plain food will quickly disappear.

It is becoming more and more popular to give children their meals separately, at little tables set with their own special things. And children like being served like "big folks." Perhaps this new idea will solve some of our meal time worries. "When will it seem to children to be a decision and a cheat, with so much that's good that they don't eat?"

If, in packing children's lunches, though, that the most trouble is experienced. To have something tasty that can be eaten cold every day, and be wholesome for little stomachs, is indeed hard to select. Part of the trouble will be lessened if you have proper things to pack lunches with. Some of these are:

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DON'T FOR PARENTS.
Here are some very important don'ts for parents. Don't forget that children, like plants, suffer seriously from want of sunlight. Don't forget that children are more seriously affected by impure air than grown people. Don't forget that little children are easily depressed by gloomy surroundings, and this lowers their vitality. Don't forget that lowered vitality makes children more liable to catch any infectious disease.

Don't think that any room in the house will do for the nursery. The sunniest, most airy and most cheerful room should be given to the children if you want them to be healthy. Don't shake or scold a child who wakes up and cries out in the night. Often night terrors are a purely nervous affection, and any harshness only makes matters worse. Don't say "don't" to your little ones. Remember to tell the child what he is to do, not what he is not to do.

It often happens that little children, especially those nervous or highly strung, are disposed to keep on crying when they get started. When you wish a child to stop sobbing get him to take a good drink of cold water. It almost always will stop the sobbing immediately.

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CANTON

James Madison Ludden, an esteemed resident of Canton Point, passed away Thursday at the Massachusetts General Hospital following a surgical operation upon his throat. Mr. Ludden was born in Canton Point on the farm where he has always resided. He was the son of Jacob and Jane Wilson Ludden, and was about 72 years of age. He married for his first wife Miss Linnette Kidder. They had one child, who passed away when young. Later he married Mrs. Nellie Phillips Caswell, who has also passed away. Mr. Ludden was a musician of ability and played the clarinet in the old Canton brass band and was also a member of Towle's orchestra, which was organized in 1887. He was a worthy member of Canton Grange, P. O. H. Mr. Ludden was wonderfully blessed with a large and generous heart and his home was always open to all. He is survived by two nephews, Chas. Small of Canton Point and Leon Nalley, who, with his family, lives on the old place, one niece, Miss Eva Nalley of Portland, and two step-daughters, Mrs. Fred Berry of Biddeford and Mrs. John Lathrop of Fayette. The remains were brought to Canton, Saturday, and the funeral was held Wednesday at two o'clock at the home.

Fred Buck, another one of Canton Point's aged and respected citizens, passed away Wednesday night. It is not known at what hour he was alone in his home. Mrs. Buck was away for the night, returning Thursday. She found the door locked and a neighbor went to her assistance and they found Mr. Buck dead in bed. As he was apparently in good health his family insisted on staying alone during his wife's absence. Mr. Buck was nearly 86 years of age. He was the son of David C. and Esther Holmes Buck. He married Mary E. Walton, who survives. He is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. C. S. Rich of Boston and Mrs. Isaac Ellis of Auburn, and one brother, Gilman Buck of No. Jay. Mr. Buck was a veteran of the Civil War and a member of John A. Dodge Post, G. A. R. He was also an honored member of Canton Grange. The funeral was held Sunday at 1:30 at the church, Rev. Ebaner Forbes officiating. The floral offerings were many and very beautiful. The bearers were L. L. Harmon, John H. Dailley, C. P. Taylor and Arthur Foster. Many relatives and friends from out of town attended the funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Briggs of Gibb's Mills have been guests of John Briggs and family.

Whitney Lodge, P. & A. M. conferred degrees Thursday evening on two candidates. Among the visitors present were: D. D. G. M., J. M. Holland of Dixfield, Wm. A. Hollis of Lisbon Falls, C. F. Calkins, P. M. Cooper and Arthur M. Packard of Dixfield and Rufus K. Stevens of Orr's Island.

The Ladies' Aid of the United Baptist church held an all day meeting Thursday at G. A. R. hall.

Anasagastic Lodge enjoyed an excellent entertainment at their last meeting.

Mrs. Costella Fletcher has returned to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Laura Bryant of Auburn.

Isaac A. Ellis of Auburn was a week end guest of his brother, Chas. C. Ellis and family.

Mrs. O. S. Waite of No. Jay has been visiting relatives in town.

On Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock the Free Baptist church met in the vestry of their church to consider the matter of union with the Baptists and at four o'clock the Baptists met for the purpose of considering a joint session was held in the evening. After the reading of the Scripture and prayer by Rev. Geo. Hamilton of Lewiston they proceeded to organize and form a union of the churches. The following officers were elected: Moderator, John Briggs; Clerk, Mrs. J. H. Tilley; Treasurer, Fred C. Bartlett. The business committee consisted of W. W. Rose, J. N. Foye and C. E. Mendall. Deacons were then chosen and various other committees appointed. It was voted

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that the business committee proceed to the incorporation of the First United Baptist of Canton, which will occur in the near future.

Irene Bisbee has gone to Auburn to work in the shoe-shop.

Miss Anna Martyn of Bethel has been a guest at the home of Marco Lavorgna.

The next meeting of the Universalist Circle will be held with Mrs. G. L. Wadlin.

The Pine Tree Club met Saturday with Miss Marguerite Hollis as hostess. An interesting program was carried out and refreshments served. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Helen Ellis.

John N. Foye has returned home from Southern Pines, N. C. Mrs. Foye will remain another month.

The marriage of Miss Marjorie Bradford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bradford, former residents of Canton, to Donald Kirkpatrick, took place Saturday evening at the home of the bride's parents in Portland.

Mrs. P. C. Barker of Hebron has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Henry Brown.

Miss L. B. Treadwell attended the meeting of the Sumner District Sunday School Association held at Sumner, Tuesday. Miss Treadwell was elected president of this association and Mrs. Emma Howe, secretary and treasurer. Wesley J. Weir, State Secretary of the Sunday School Association, and Rev. J. J. Howe, field secretary, were the principal speakers. A very pleasant and profitable session was held.

Arnold Hackett of Lynn, Mass., has been a guest at the home of C. E. Richardson.

Herbert Foster of Chesterville has been a guest of his daughter, Mrs. A. B. Hicknell.

William A. Hollis of Lisbon Falls has been a guest of his brother, E. K. Hollis.

Quite a number from Canton went to Sumner, Wednesday evening to hear ex-President Taft.

J. E. Hisecock of Farmington has been a guest of his daughter, Mrs. G. A. Ellis.

Mrs. Henry Brown is ill. The Canton High school prize speaking will be held at the Opera House, Tuesday evening, March 13th.

Rev. J. J. Hall, field secretary of the Maine State Conference, will speak at the United Baptist church next Sunday. He will give a talk on S. S. work.

Mrs. B. C. Ludden, C. P. Tripp, Mrs. Margery Wald and Mrs. G. W. Brown attended the funeral of Mrs. Joseph H. Blackhard at Auburn.

Mrs. W. B. Olibert has been called to Lewiston by the illness of her daughter, Lily M. Olibert.

Miss Mabel Russell was at home from Auburn over Sunday.

A social was held at the Universalist church, Saturday evening. W. B. Dresser has been visiting in Auburn.

A pleasant session of Evergreen Chapter, O. E. S., was held Tuesday evening and a social hour enjoyed at

ter the meeting, when guessing contests created much interest and merriment. A book contest, in which each member wore something to suggest the name of a book, was participated in by all. Mrs. M. J. Childs and Mrs. E. J. Lucas guessed the same number. The magazine contest was won by Mrs. Childs. Home-made confectionery was served by Miss Agnes Heald, Miss Florence Childs and Mrs. Julia Hall.

The entertainment committee was Mrs. Minnie Forhan, Mrs. Ethel Johnson, Mrs. Ethel R. Woodman and Mrs. Fannie B. Lucas.

Dorothy Morse has been ill with bronchitis.

Miss Ruth Fogg of Headfield is a guest of her aunt, Mrs. Geo. W. Carson.

EASTERN CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, 161 Devonshire St., BOSTON, MASS.

Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Stocks and Bonds, \$123,655.50
Cash in Office and Bank, 15,840.10
Agents' Balances, 341.00
Interest and Rents, 1,411.66
All other Assets, including Market Value Bonds, 1,028.50

Gross Assets, \$147,076.76
Deduct Items not admitted, 341.00

Admitted Assets, \$146,735.76
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916.

Net Unpaid Losses, \$9,036.13
Unearned Premiums, 4,980.82
All other Liabilities, 1,503.83
Cash Capital, 100,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 31,170.48

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$146,735.76
2-22-17-P.

LUMBERMEN'S MUTUAL INS. CO. OF MANSFIELD, OHIO.

Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Real Estate, \$20,000.00
Mortgage Loans, 102,500.00
Collateral Loans, 2,500.00
Stocks and Bonds, 331,543.16
Cash in Office and Bank, 138,243.82
Agents' Balances, 80,187.93
Interest and Rents, 7,788.48
All other Assets, 18,888.63

Gross Assets, \$874,202.34
Deduct Items not admitted, 4,500.00

Admitted Assets, \$869,702.34
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916.

Net Unpaid Losses, \$52,048.00
Unearned Premiums, 293,918.58
All other Liabilities, 23,807.89
Surplus over all Liabilities, 500,937.86

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$869,702.34
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THE OXFORD COUNTY CITIZEN, BETHEL, MAINE, THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 1917.

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76th MAINE LEGISLATURE.

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Dr. Henry B. Westcott of Portland was the only champion who appeared this afternoon before the committee on agriculture upon the bill which would create a State live stock sanitary board of five members with a veterinarian at a salary of \$3,000 a year as an executive officer. Dr. Westcott explained that the bill was modeled upon the Pennsylvania law, that it would bring about a better cooperation between the farmers and the veterinarians of the State and that its provisions if carried out would do a great deal towards reducing hog cholera and contagious abortion among cattle. But the claim of the bill was seen in the appearance of more than 100 farmers from all parts of the State in opposition. Their case was conducted by them. They claimed that the bill would take the live stock sanitary department out of the control of the department of agriculture. It is broadened of the Turner Center Creamery supported an amendment to the law relating to the impurity of milk so as to permit the milk dealers to standardize their milk supply by striking out the provision making it unlawful to sell as pure milk that from a part of which the cream had been removed. He stood with the committee members from 100 farmers and milk producers in favor of the change.

These latter bills relating to the legal standard of length of a lobster were heard by assignment, a fourth assigned for this week by anticipation and a fifth one which had just been introduced by Rep. Hanson of Bangor heard by anticipation, before the committee on sea and shore fish.

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BENEFITS OF LOAN ACT.

Ways in Which the New System Fulfills the Act to the Farmer in Financial Business.

By reason of the facilities created by the Federal farm loan act, which was passed last summer, it will be easier in the future for a farmer to secure money to make needed improvements or for the purchase of live stock, and it will be easier also for the landless man to purchase a farm, according to a recent publication of the United States Department of Agriculture (Farmers' Bulletin 792) entitled "How the Federal Farm Loan Act Benefits the Farmer."

The Federal farm loan act established under this act will stand today at all times, it is expected, to lend money to farmers on farm-mortgage security. The interest charges will be not more than 6 per cent, nor more than 1 per cent above the rate paid on the bonds sold by the banks. If a 1-2 per cent bonds should be issued, therefore, the rate charged on loans would be 5 1/2 per cent or less. There will be no commissions or bonuses. The loans will be made for periods of time ranging from 5 to 40 years, thus doing away with the trouble and expense of frequent renewals.

The payment of a certain part of the principal annually or semi-annually, with the interest, will be required. The total payment, including the interest, will be the same for each year, and will be just large enough so that the entire principal will be paid off at the end of the period. The annual payment thus required to pay off a loan of \$1,000, with interest at 5 per cent, in 20 years, is \$80.24.

After a loan has run 5 years the borrower will be permitted to pay off the whole amount, if he desires, on any interest date, or to make partial payments in addition to the regular installment.

The requirement of installment payments on the amortization plan, as outlined above, will serve, first, to cultivate habits of thrift in the borrower, and second, to make possible the placing of the loans at a lower rate of interest, since the gradual reduction of the principal constantly improves the security for the unpaid balance. The privilege of optional payments after the first 5 years leaves the borrower free to discharge his indebtedness before the end of the loan period, if he finds it convenient to do so.

The Federal farm loan act will perform three important services. (1) They will convert the security which farm mortgages afford into a negotiable form, known as farm-loan bonds. (2) They will furnish additional security for the protection of these bonds, through their capital and surplus, and thus make the bonds more attractive to investors. (3) They will sell the land-bank bonds in the open investment market, which, for obvious reasons, the small farmer could not reach to advantage.

The bonds are to be issued in denominations ranging from \$25 to \$1,000, and it is expected that the bonds of small denomination will encourage saving through their appeal to individuals who have not been in the habit of making investments. The bonds will be secured not only by farm mortgages deposited in trust with a government official (the registrar for the land-bank district) but also, as indicated above, by the capital and surplus of the 12 land banks.

Both mortgages and bonds will be exempt from all forms of taxation. Farmers who wish to obtain money from the Federal farm loan act will be obliged to form local loan associations, and get their loans through these organizations. The local loan associations will improve the credit of their members and reduce the cost of their loans through the performance of certain definite services, among which are the following: The committee called the "loan committee" of the association will appraise the property offered as security and approve all applications for loans which are sent to the land bank. The secretary-treasurer of the association will transmit the papers and carry on all correspondence with the land bank relative to the loans. The association will guarantee the mortgages of its members, the liability of any individual member being limited, however, to an additional sum equal to the amount of his capital stock, or approximately 5 per cent of his own loan.

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Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Real Estate	\$405,942.10
Mortgage Loans	2,208,958.69
Collateral Loans	57,650.00
Stocks and Bonds	5,009,202.75
Cash in Office and Bank	704,893.25
Agents' Balances	810,889.33
Interest and Rents	129,074.70
All other Assets	14,705.33
Gross Assets	\$10,288,976.22
Deduct items not admitted	912,128.18
Admitted Assets	\$10,046,848.04
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916.	
Net Unpaid Loans	\$407,197.06
Unearned Premiums	8,146,873.11
All other Liabilities	84,779.64
Cash Capital	750,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	2,618,204.43
Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$10,046,848.04

Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Real Estate	\$443,780.58
Stocks and Bonds	1,595,937.36
Cash in Office and Bank	140,181.00
Agents' Balances	279,988.84
Interest and Rents	12,466.18
All other Assets	2,182.62
Gross Assets	\$2,495,335.58
Deduct items not admitted	115,845.59
Admitted Assets	\$2,379,489.99
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916.	
Net Unpaid Loans	\$163,253.39
Unearned Premiums	1,406,240.96
All other Liabilities	37,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	886,755.64
Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$2,379,489.99

Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Real Estate	\$301,115.90
Mortgage Loans	440,167.45
Stocks and Bonds	1,100,577.88
Cash in Office and Bank	179,904.50
Agents' Balances	247,612.83
Bills Receivable	1,913.51
Interest and Rents	21,285.09
All other Assets	18,808.09
Gross Assets	\$2,292,283.31
Deduct items not admitted	22,074.22
Admitted Assets	\$2,270,209.09
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916.	
Net Unpaid Loans	\$301,830.08
Unearned Premiums	1,311,090.05
All other Liabilities	2,509,412.79
Cash Capital	500,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	407,769.67
Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$2,270,209.09

Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Real Estate	\$1,074,129.63
Mortgage Loans	2,414,250.00
Stocks and Bonds	3,038,755.28
Cash in Office and Bank	47,965.06
Agents' Balances	518,755.05
Interest and Rents	47,680.75
All other Assets	19,236.85
Gross Assets	\$7,700,103.66
Deduct items not admitted	418,911.21
Admitted Assets	\$7,281,192.45
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916.	
Net Unpaid Loans	\$2,534,585.27
Unearned Premiums	103,597.96
All other Liabilities	1,230,000.00
Cash Capital	2,483,008.82
Surplus over all Liabilities	\$2,483,008.82
Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$7,281,192.45

Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Real Estate	\$513,678.92
Mortgage Loans	380,900.00
Stocks and Bonds	6,036,755.28
Cash in Office and Bank	574,770.88
Agents' Balances	970,597.28
Bills Receivable	49,792.97
Interest and Rents	37,850.42
All other Assets	71,178.27
Gross Assets	\$9,654,036.29
Deduct items not admitted	470,146.79
Admitted Assets	\$9,183,889.50
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916.	
Net Unpaid Loans	\$1,234,432.00
Unearned Premiums	2,915,411.68
All other Liabilities	231,515.42
Cash Capital	1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	2,695,297.80
Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$9,183,889.50

Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Real Estate	\$114,376.06
Mortgage Loans	8,360.00
Stocks and Bonds	1,595,937.36
Cash in Office and Bank	60,274.79
Agents' Balances	236,114.36
Interest and Rents	36,468.97
All other Assets	
Gross Assets	\$2,301,156.71
Deduct items not admitted	
Admitted Assets	\$2,301,156.71
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916.	
Net Unpaid Loans	\$140,889.63
Unearned Premiums	\$70,262.63
All other Liabilities	\$27,811.30
Cash Capital	\$60,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	\$4,289.15
Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$2,301,156.71

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Mortgage Loans	8,360.00
Stocks and Bonds	1,595,937.36
Cash in Office and Bank	60,274.79
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All other Assets	
Gross Assets	\$2,301,156.71
Deduct items not admitted	
Admitted Assets	\$2,301,156.71
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916.	
Net Unpaid Loans	\$140,889.63
Unearned Premiums	\$70,262.63
All other Liabilities	\$27,811.30
Cash Capital	\$60,000.00
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Cash Capital	\$60,000.00
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STANDARD ACCIDENT INSURANCE CO., of Detroit, Mich.

Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Mortgage Loans	\$140,250.00
Collateral Loans	10,777.34
Stocks and Bonds	5,229,029.20
Cash in Office and Bank	315,886.03
Agents' Balances	680,735.05
Interest and Rents	97,708.56
Gross Assets	\$6,469,386.53
Deduct items not admitted	118,410.25
Admitted Assets	\$6,347,974.33
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916.	
Net Unpaid Loans	\$210,800.99
Unearned Premiums	1,551,159.52
All other Liabilities	306,758.09
Cash Capital	1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	1,270,455.73
Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$6,347,974.33

Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Real Estate	\$141,441.50
Stocks and Bonds	\$141,441.50
Cash in Office and Bank	\$141,441.50
Agents' Balances	\$141,441.50
Interest and Rents	\$141,441.50
All other Assets	\$141,441.50
Gross Assets	\$1,000,000.00
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A Real American

Mark Twain was a steamboat pilot. He was a searcher for gold in the far west. He was a printer. He worked bitterly hard at all that, but the great thing was that he was a man of the people. He was the opening of the great wide west. Mark Twain's genius bloomed. He was Mark Twain in his place.

His fame spread through the nation. It was the end of the earth, till his work was translated into strange tongues. From the path of fame lay straight to him his high place.

He was asked is there an American literature? Mark Twain is the answer. He is the heart, the spirit of America. From his poor and scrupulous boyhood to his old age, he remained as he was, honest, splendid old age, he remained as he was.

RUMFORD

Miss Sadie Annis of Gardiner is caring for her sister, Mrs. Fred McPherson of Strathglass Park, who recently met with an accident while descending the stairs at her home.

Mrs. Byron Evans of Lincoln avenue will be the next hostess of the Chatham Club.

Miss Albertina Ridley of Winneconne, Maine, is the guest of Miss Louise Bissac at her home on Lincoln avenue. Miss Ridley was a classmate of Miss Bissac at Hebron Academy.

At a meeting of the Hebrew Sisters of Rumford the following officers were elected: Mrs. J. H. Lempert, President; Mrs. Louis Cohen, Vice-President; Mrs. Abraham Stern, Secretary; Mrs. Max Greenburg, Treasurer. The object of the organization is to lead a helping hand wherever needed.

On Tuesday evening, Rev. John M. Arters delivered an address at the high school building under the auspices of the Rumford Equal Suffrage League. The league, inspired by the recent unanimous vote of the Legislature, is doing a great deal of missionary work. The community has been divided into districts with the following captains: Congress street, Mrs. Bradford Andrews; Park, Somerset and York streets, Mrs. Dana York; Knox street and vicinity, Mr. Harry H. Ostrum; Franklin, Penobscot, Washington streets and Rumford avenue, Mrs. Martin L. Griffin; Waldo and Hancock streets and vicinity, Mrs. Lewis Smith; Mexico, Miss Ashworth.

The regular monthly meeting of the Virginia Parent-Teachers' Association was held on Monday evening. After a short musical and literary program an auction box supper was partaken of.

Miss Ellen Akers of Andover is a guest of her brother, Mr. Nathan Akers of Forest avenue.

Mrs. Frank Carron of York street is visiting relatives in Manchester, N. H.

Friends of Mr. James Clark will regret to learn that he is ill at the home of his sister in Bath.

Mrs. Leon Ladd of Hancock street is visiting at her home in Fairfield.

Walter Ordway is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Howard Jenkins, at Oquossoc. Mrs. George Pratt left last week for Worcester, Mass., to join her husband, who has employment there.

Carl Andrews, who has been working for the American Express Company in Augusta, has been transferred to the Rumford office.

Mr. Brooks of Ellsworth has accepted a position in the men's department of the C. H. McKenzie store.

Mr. and Mrs. Origine Fillault of Waldo street are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter.

Miss Annie Bedard is ill at her home in Strathglass Park.

Mrs. Mary Barker of Brunswick is a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Henry of Penobscot street.

Mr. Louis Aschoff and family, who have been residents of Rumford for several years past, having resided on York street for the last eight years, have left to make their future home in Boston.

Word received from Mr. and Mrs. Isaac W. Green of Franklin street report them as having hired a furnished apartment in Jacksonville, Florida, and with their daughter, Mrs. William H. Hinchins and her daughter, Ruth, are doing light housekeeping.

Mr. Fredland J. Morrison, who has been employed in the chemical department of the Oxford Paper Company, is to leave soon for Cornell, Michigan, where he has accepted a field position with the Cornell Wood Products Co.

Major E. A. Allen and Mr. E. J. Riley are occupying the old pumping station near the junction of Franklin street and Rumford avenue for experimental work in lines of chemical research. The Major, as is well known, has several patents in this line of endeavor.

Work on the erection of the steel frame work for the new Rumford Falls Power House will begin at once, the concrete foundation being far enough advanced so that this may be done, and fortunately the orders and contracts for the steel work were placed early in 1916, so that deliveries have been made.

At a regular convocation of Strathglass Commandery Knights Templar, No. 21 after the disposal of the regular business of the evening, the order of the Temple was conferred on Richard T. Peterson, proprietor of Hotel Rumford, by Commandery Commander, Albert L.

A GOOD FRIEND

A good friend stands by you when in need. Bethel people tell how Doan's Kidney Pills have stood the test. Mr. Heath endorsed Doan's over four years ago and again confirms the story. Could you ask for more convincing testimony?

O. H. Heath, carpenter, High St., Bethel, says: "I suffered terribly from backache, headache and dizzy spells. The kidney secretions were irregular in passage, being entirely too frequent. I used Doan's Kidney Pills, procured at Bosserman's Drug Store, and in a few weeks I was entirely cured." (Statement given July 21, 1911.)

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Stanwood. Easter Sunday will be observed by the Commandery by attending the First Baptist Church at 2:30 P. M., on the invitation of the Rev. Mr. Foshey. An invitation is to be extended to Oriental Commandery of Brighton to be the guests of Strathglass Commandery on St. John's Day, June 24th, and a committee consisting of Richmond L. Melcher, Elliott W. Howe, Oliver A. Pettengill, Frank Rawley, Frank Taylor, was appointed with full power to make arrangements for their entertainment.

Lawyer Albert Belliveau, Emile Gauthier, Ena Carrier and Felix Landry, also Mr. Eugene Kidder are in Boston this week attending the automobile show.

Captain F. C. Barker returned from Florida on Friday last and reports a great rush of Northern people to Florida and Southern resorts, every hotel and boarding house being full to the limit. Captain Barker says the South was very hard hit by the freeze-up in February, all the truck farms and gardens being wiped out for the time being, orange and pineapple trees being killed by the frost.

Miss Mabel Chase was the hostess of the Quilt Est Club on Saturday evening last at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Hutchins of Roxbury Road. Miss Lillian Rollins will entertain this week at the home of Mrs. Dana C. York of Strathglass Park.

WEST BETHEL

Mrs. Sadie Vashaw and Mrs. Stella Goodridge were in Norway, Saturday, shopping.

Mrs. Lettie Davis is spending her vacation with Mrs. H. N. Head and Mrs. A. Gilbert.

Hugh Thurston has a new board saw at the mill.

Mrs. L. E. Allen was in Portland one day last week.

On account of the bad storm Monday not as many as usual attended town meeting at Bethel village.

There will be an entertainment at the Grange Hall, Saturday evening for the benefit of the Grange.

WILSON'S MILLS

Clifton Littlehale cut his face quite badly while out sliding and Dr. Noyes of Calabrook was called, eight stitches were taken.

Grace Linnell has been working for Mrs. J. P. Hart.

The Ladies' Aid met with Mrs. Hattie Bennett, Wednesday.

E. B. Bennett and George Nelson went to Augusta, Me., on business last week.

Allice Linnell fell and broke her arm last week.

The youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hart, who has been ill, is better at this writing.

WEST PERU

E. G. Child and wife visited relatives at Dixfield last Saturday.

Mr. Holt, the Watkins agent, was through this town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald C. Tracy were guests of Elmer Hammond and family at Hanover last Wednesday.

J. C. Merrill had Dr. J. G. Tyler for one of his horses which has been sick the past week.

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ANDOVER

Mr. and Mrs. John Caldwell, who have spent the winter at their son's, Guy Caldwell's, at Ridgelyville have returned to Andover and are keeping house in Mrs. Abbie Wyman's rent.

The Ladies' Aid met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Ralph Thurston. Y. A. Thurston was in Augusta, Wednesday.

Mrs. Walter Marston was the guest of Mrs. Ella Damon Thursday of last week.

Fire was discovered in the attic of Edward Akers' house about 6:30 o'clock Monday evening. The family, hearing a crackling sound found the room all ablaze. The firemen quickly responded and by prompt efforts soon had the fire under control. A chimney burned out in the afternoon. The building was badly damaged by water. It was fully insured.

The Ladies' Circle of the Grange will meet Friday of this week with Mrs. W. N. Akers.

The Ancient and Honorable White Club met Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. William Newhall. Six tables were in use. Mrs. Irving Akers and F. A. Pullman won the first prizes, and Y. A. Thurston and Mrs. E. E. Leslie the second. Refreshments of coffee, cake and sandwiches were served.

John Hovey is at home from his camp at Parmachenee Lake.

Ray Thurston, who has been at his home for a few days, returned Monday to his camp at Axicoos.

The Juvenile Whist Club met with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mitchell, Monday evening.

The Ellis River Dramatic Club played the four-act drama, "Home Ties," in the town hall, Thursday evening of last week to a good audience.

The King's Daughters served a baked bean and pastry dinner in the hall, Monday, to the voters. About \$22 was realized.

Mrs. J. A. Dunning left town this week for Dover, N. H., where she will be the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Bernice Morton.

Mr. Edward Akers was entertained at C. A. Rand's, Monday and Tuesday. Everett Thurston has been spending the past two weeks at his father's lumbering camp at Axicoos.

Mrs. Helen Dunn and daughters were guests of Mrs. Geo. Thompson, Thursday, March 1st.

Mary Hovey visited her aunt, Mrs. Gertrude Smith at East Andover last week.

PERU

Town meeting was well attended in spite of the snow storm. C. H. Robinson, E. G. Child and E. B. Knox were elected selectmen; O. L. Knight, tax collector; Howard Turner, clerk; and C. N. Child, J. C. Kidder and A. L. Stanwood, school committee.

Rockemeka Grange served a baked bean dinner at their hall, which was well patronized.

Mrs. M. L. Walker and Mrs. Lizzy Bent are on the sick list.

Mrs. Mary P. Robinson spent the week end at East Andover where she gave a talk on "Compulsory Betterment" at the Grange meeting held Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Newton entertained his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Newton of Dixfield, and other relatives last Sunday.

Rockemeka Grange held its regular meeting last Saturday, which was well attended. The third and fourth degrees were conferred and an interesting program on New England history was given.

West Peru Grange will be guests of Rockemeka at their next meeting, and will furnish the program.

Mr. W. L. Hanson, who is a patient at McCarthy's hospital at Rumford, is reported to be gaining.

GROVER HILL

Quite a blizzard Monday, and roads needed breaking Tuesday.

Albert Whitman, who has been quite ill of the grip, is said to be somewhat better this Tuesday morning.

WEST PARIS

Albert J. Ricker was in Lewiston, Monday.

The heavy storm of Monday kept many people in this section at home from town meeting, as the train service is so uncertain at this time.

Mexico High school basketball team played against West Paris High, Friday evening at Centennial hall. Score, 21 to 18 in favor of West Paris. West Paris High Sophomores played against West Paris Freshmen, score in favor of the Freshmen.

Harrington S. Mann went to Fairfield sanatorium Sunday for treatment. He was accompanied by his brother, W. M. Mann of Norway. Mr. Mann's little daughter, Persis, who has been suffering from lung trouble seems to be improving at this time, although still under the care of a trained nurse.

Mrs. Jennie Kneeland of Somerville, Mass., who came to Maine on account of the illness of her brother and family, spent Saturday night with him and Sunday she and her mother, Mrs. Emma H. Mann of Norway spent Sunday at Abner H. Mann's.

Mr. Gilvery and daughter of Lewiston came Sunday to see Mrs. Gilvery, the trained nurse at H. S. Mann's. They were entertained at dinner by Dr. and Mrs. Staples.

Mrs. Mary Stetson spent the week end with her cousin, Mrs. Stella Willis Burnham, at South Paris, and was present at the meeting of the Eastern Club on Monday.

William F. Willis went to the hospital, Monday, accompanied by Dr. Staples and Mrs. Willis.

The annual prize speaking contest of West Paris High school will be held at Grange Hall, Friday evening, March 9. Program as follows:

Music. Prayer. Selection—The Fairies—Elfin Waltz. High School Orchestra.

Americanism. Henry Cabot Lodge. William Paul Whitten. Green Grow the Rushes, O.

W. E. Penney. Clarence Martin Coffin. Red Head's Story of the Feud. John Ure Lloyd.

George Russell Briggs. Song—Waterlilies, Double Quartette. Selection from Mrs. Tree, Laura Richards.

Erlon Henry Whitman. The Lost World. Henry Van Dyke. Leon Fremont Proctor. The Ride of Jennie McNeal.

Will Carlton. Marjorie Agnes McAllister. The Cremation of Sam McGee. Carl Greenleaf Emery.

Selection—Marcelles Frolle—Student Waltz. High School Orchestra.

Jim Wolfe and Thelma Cate, Mark Twain. Erwin Lorin Trask. Sister and I.

Edith Mary Stevens. Anon. Our Flag.

Ralph Chesley Whitman. Song—Anchored, Double Quartette. Awarding of Prizes.

Selection—Little Queen, High School Orchestra. Benediction.

Miss Ruth Carter has gone to Augusta to begin teaching there. Since coming to West Paris Miss Carter has made many friends who will be glad to see her good fortune in obtaining so good a position, but will regret her going away.

Miss Carter was popular with both scholars and friends.

Mrs. Irvin L. Bowker of Portland has been a recent guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rasmus Tuell.

Mrs. George W. Nelson has been ill but is gaining.

Miss Mabel Ricker entertained the Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church last Tuesday.

F. E. Dunham and D. A. Grover tried to load a car of potatoes at this station at \$2.25 per bushel last week, but could not buy at that price.

Benjamin R. Billings of Bryant's Pond was the week end guest of Edwin J. Mann.

Stella D. Churchill died last Tuesday afternoon from cancer, after a painful illness of several months. She was the daughter of Daniel C. and Dorcas Churchill, Churchville, and was born in Woodstock, Sept. 21, 1860.

When an infant her parents moved to West Paris where she has since resided. A son, Robert Dana, her parents' sister, Mrs. Almida Richardson of Rockvale, two nieces, Miss Florence Richardson and Mrs. Mabel Putnam of Rockvale, and two nephews, Alfred Richardson of Dixfield, and Herbert Richardson of Berlin, N. H., survive.

Possessed of a quiet, retiring disposition, and never strong in health she mingled very little in society, but found her chief happiness in her family, where she will be greatly missed by the aged parents, the mother being 85 and the father 89, and although retaining all their faculties are too feeble to get out much from home. Her sister, Mrs. Richardson, has been with her during the last weeks of her illness to assist in caring for her. The funeral service was held from the

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PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named: At a Probate Court, held at Paris in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:

Morning. 10:00—Devotions, Rev. L. W. Grundy. 10:15—Address, Rev. C. I. Spear. 10:45—Training for Leadership, Dr. C. L. Buck.

11:15—Conference. Teacher Training and Graded Lessons.

Afternoon. 1:30—Devotions, Rev. C. I. Spear. 1:45—Review, How to Run a Little Sunday School, Rev. H. L. Nichols.

2:15—Address, Sunday School Evangelism, Rev. L. W. Grundy. 2:45—Our Constituency Roll, Rev. L. W. Grundy.

3:15—Address, The Program for a S. S., C. J. Brown. 3:45—Conference Organization, Equipment and Administration. Evening.

7:00—Devotions, Rev. L. W. Grundy. 7:30—Address, A Vision of S. S., C. J. Brown.

"WAR IS HELL."

Let the People who do the Fighting and who in the end pay the price in blood, tears and poverty decide whether there shall be Peace or War.

No Declaration of War without a Popular Referendum Vote.

Resolutions of the National Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of America: "BE IT RESOLVED, by the National and State officials of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of America in Washington, D. C., February 10th, 1917, that we are unitedly in favor of peace and that we urge upon President Wilson and upon Congress to do everything in their power to prevent war."

An overwhelming majority of the voters are opposed to war. If those favoring war doubt this let them submit the question to a vote of the people. Demand of your Senators and Congressman that there shall be no Declaration of War without a Popular Referendum Vote.

Remember, the disciples of peace do not reap the golden harvest of the advocates of war. A dollar now may save many dollars later on in taxation and possibly save a son. Help the group of people who are struggling in face of the tremendous opposition of the "United Interests." Help to save civilization from destruction.

MRS. J. SERGEANT CRAM (for the committee)

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The National Grange to Congressman Warren Worth Bailey: Peach Bottom, Pa. Feb. 10, 1917.

"Hon. Warren Worth Bailey, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

With consummate courage and skill you have so far in these trying circumstances kept us free from war and we are confident that you will continue to strive for peace with honor. We send you this telegram to let you know that the metropolitan press is urging war is not representing the feelings of our people, who deplore the possibility of war at all, and certainly not until every peaceful alternative has been tried. Have sent a copy of this telegram to President Wilson."

Oliver Wilson, R. John Black, John A. McSparran, Legislative Committee National Grange.

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PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named: At a Probate Court, held at Paris in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Citizen newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of March, A. D. 1917, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

Charles A. Luens late of Bethel, deceased; first account presented for allowance by Davis G. Lovejoy, administrator.

George E. Farrar late of Hanover, deceased; petition for order to distribute balance remaining in his hands presented by Harry G. Bryant, administrator.

Charles A. Luens late of Bethel, deceased; petition for determination of collateral inheritance tax presented by Davis G. Lovejoy, administrator.

Moses M. Hastings late of Bethel, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof and the appointment of H. H. Hastings or some other suitable person as administrator with the will annexed of the estate of said deceased, presented by Agnes H. Dodge, sole heir.

ADDISON E. HERRICK, Judge of said Court.

A true copy—attest: ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

3-1-31.

PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named: At a Probate Court at Paris in vacation in and for the County of Oxford, on the twenty-sixth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Citizen newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of March, A. D. 1917, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

Louise G. Hastings late of Bethel, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof and the appointment of H. H. Hastings as executor thereof, he being named as such in the will, presented by Agnes H. Dodge, daughter and only heir.

ADDISON E. HERRICK, Judge of said Court.

A true copy—attest: ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

3-3-31.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that she has been duly appointed executrix of the last will and testament of Knock H. Knapp late of Newry in the County of Oxford, deceased. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereon are requested to make payment immediately.

ORDECEA A. FOSTER, February 20th, 1917. 3-1-31.

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WESTERN ASSURANCE COMPANY, TORONTO, CANADA.
Assets Dec. 31, 1916
Stocks and Bonds, \$2,018,143.50
Cash in Office and Bank, \$33,000.00
Agents' Balances, \$49,000.00
Interest and Rents, \$2,910.00
All other Assets, \$1,733.51
Gross Assets, \$2,537,057.01
Deduct items not admitted, \$1,098.18
Admitted Assets, \$1,438,868.83
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916
Net Unpaid Losses, \$1,111,001.14
Unearned Premiums, \$1,066,832.43
All other Liabilities, \$28,057.07
Cash Capital, \$49,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, \$12,028.23
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$2,227,911.80
\$227,911.80

NEW JERSEY FIDELITY & PLATY CLAMS INS. CO., NEWARK, N. J.
Assets Dec. 31, 1916
Mortgage Loans, \$672,740.00
Stocks and Bonds, \$201,351.11
Cash in Office and Bank, \$76,013.08
Agents' Balances, \$17,512.76
Interest and Rents, \$12,000.00
All other Assets, \$31.95
Gross Assets, \$1,099,647.90
Deduct items not admitted, \$9,918.37
Admitted Assets, \$1,089,729.53
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916
Net Unpaid Losses, \$112,001.00
Unearned Premiums, \$209,351.11
All other Liabilities, \$89,000.00
Cash Capital, \$49,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, \$639,327.42
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$1,231,678.53
\$123,167.85

FITCHBURG MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE CO., FITCHBURG, MASS.
Assets Dec. 31, 1916
Real Estate, \$47,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, \$149,722.92
Cash in Office and Bank, \$20,907.54
Agents' Balances, \$2,011.16
All other Assets, \$1,000.00
Gross Assets, \$220,641.62
Deduct items not admitted, \$12,000.00
Admitted Assets, \$208,641.62
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916
Net Unpaid Losses, \$1,000.00
Unearned Premiums, \$137,544.00
All other Liabilities, \$4,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, \$105,141.62
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$142,641.62
\$142,641.62

POEMS WORTH READING

HOMERICK.
By EDGAR A. GUEST, in Detroit Free Press—The lament of a man barred from his family by his home being placed under quarantine regulations.
It's tough when you are homesick in a strange and distant place;
It's tough when you're hungry for an old familiar face,
And yearning for the good folks and the joys you used to know;
When you're miles away from friendship it's a bitter sort of woe.
But it's tougher, let me tell you, and a stiffer discipline
To see them through the window, and to know you can't go in.

O, I never knew the meaning of that red sign on the door;
Never really understood it; never thought of it before;
But I'll never see another since they've tacked one up on mine
But I'll think about the father that is barred from all that's fine.
And I'll think about the mother who is prisoner in there
That her little son or daughter shall not miss a mother's care.
And I'll share a fellow feeling with the saddest of my kin,
The dad beside the gateway of the home he can't get in.

O' we laugh and joke together and the mother tries to be
Brave and sunny in her prison, and she thinks she's fooling me;
And I do my bravest smiling and I feign a merry air
In the hope she won't discover that I'm hounded down with care.
But it's only empty laughter, and there's nothing in the grin
When you're talking through the window of the home you can't get in.

THE CLOUDS BLOW BY.
They'll all blow by, those clouds that seem
To hide the splendor of your dream.
They'll fade and fly before the light
That shines as the day the night.
'Twill not be dark for long, for long,
While love decks life with light and song.

They'll soon blow by, they'll soon disappear,
And where they float the skies will clear.
The sun shine out, the day be sweet,
And forth we'll go with dancing feet,
To find life's yoke of good and ill
Is measured fair to all men still.

The gloom will lift that haunts your heart.
We have our dreams; the dreams depart.
Our ups and downs, our griefs and cares,
But he lives best who plucks and shares.
From life's best service hope to make
The worst seem best for love's dear sake.

They'll all blow by; these clouds that gray
The ambient beauty of your day.
The shadows fall, but not for long;
Behind them lurks the sunlit song.
The bloom, the cheer, the love God gives
Through which the whole creation lives.

THE FINE THOUGHT.
How rare it is at night to say
"I have not wept a tear today,
I have not wept a tear today,
Or raised a fellow being pain;
Nor in there on my errand slain
That shame has left, in honor's way
With head erect, I've lived this day."

When night slips down and day departs
How rare it is to close the book
Of records for the day, and look
And find that all has been worth while,
To say, "In honor I have lived,
My place is spotless and unsold."

Yet call and errand a man may be
Maintaining his integrity,
And he may pass from day to day
A spirit dead, in living clay,
Obscuring strictly moral laws,
Yet serving but a selfish cause.
So it is not enough to say
"I have not wept to shame today!"
It is a rare, noble thought
When day is done and night has brought
The contemplative hours and sweet
And rest in weary hearts and feet
If you can stand in truth and say:
"I have been useful here today."
Much there is one I choose to see
With hope new here because of me.

"This day in honor I have lived,
My shining merit is still unsold."

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5 qts. milk @ 40c......20
3 lb. best sirloin @ 28c......84
2 lb. cheese @ 10c......20
1/2 doz. eggs @ 40c......20
5 lb. sugar @ 40c......20
1 1/2 lb. rice @ 10c......15
Total cost.....\$1.84
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But on the mile I leave behind
Is one who says that I was kind;
And once one hums a cheerful song
Because I danced to come along.
Sweet rest at night that man shall own
Who has not loved his day alone.
—Detroit Free Press.

THE LAND OF BEGINNING AGAIN.
By Louise Fletcher Tarkington.
I wish there were some wonderful place
Called the Land of Beginning Again,
Where all our mistakes and all our heartaches
And all our poor selfish grief
Could be dropped, like a shabby old coat, at the door,
And never put on again.

I wish we could come on it all unaware,
Like the hunter who finds a lost trail;
And I wish that the one whom our blindness had done
The greatest injustice of all
Could be at the gates, like an old friend that waits
For the comely, he's gladdest to hail.

We would find the things we intended to do
But forgot and remembered—too late;
Little spoken, little promises broken,
And all of the thousand and one little duties neglected that might have perfected
The day for one less fortunate.

It wouldn't be possible not to be kind
In the Land of Beginning Again;
And the eyes we misjudged and the ones whom we grudged
Their moments of victory here
Would find in the grasp of our loving handshake
More than penitent lips could explain.

For what had been hardest we'd know had been best,
And what had seemed less would be gain;
For there isn't a sting that will not take wing
When we've faced it and laughed it away;
And I think that the laughter is most what we're after
In the Land of Beginning Again.

So I wish that there were some wonderful place,
Called the Land of Beginning Again,
Where all our mistakes and all our heartaches
And all our poor selfish grief
Could be dropped, like a shabby old coat, at the door,
And never put on again.

THE CALL TO ARMS IN OUR STREET.
By W. M. Letts, in the Saturday West minister.
There's a woman who's heart out,
With her head against the door,
For the man that's called to leave her,
And has play on the pool.
But it's best, drums, beat,
While the folk march down the street,
And it's best, drums, beat,
Keep your tears until they go.

There's a crowd of little children
That march along and shout,
For it's time to play at soldiers
Now their fathers are called out.
So it's best, drums, beat;
But what'll they do when food is cut?
And it's best, drums, beat,
And the children little know.

There's a mother who stands watching
For the last look of her son,
A worn poor widow woman,
And he's her only one.

But it's best, drums, beat,
Though God knows when we shall meet;
And it's best, drums, beat,
We must smile and cheer them so.
There's a young girl who stands laughing,
For she thinks a war is grand,
And it's best to see the lads pass,
And it's best to hear the band.
So it's best, drums, beat,
To the fall of many feet;
And it's best, drums, beat,
To go with you where you go
To the war.

ORIENT INSURANCE COMPANY, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT.
Assets Dec. 31, 1916
Real Estate, \$173,186.35
Stocks and Bonds, \$3,027,112.51
Cash in Office and Bank, \$89,631.42
Agents' Balances, \$89,002.00
Bills Receivable, \$1,750.18
Interest and Rents, \$2,316.59
All other Assets, \$2,388.88
Gross Assets, \$3,585,087.83
Deduct items not admitted, \$1,304,021.12
Admitted Assets, \$2,281,066.71
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916
Net Unpaid Losses, \$1,191,135.91
Unearned Premiums, \$1,759,448.04
All other Liabilities, \$2,384.02
Cash Capital, \$1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, \$1,037,181.61
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$4,030,140.21
\$223,070.21

NEW HAMPSHIRE FIRE INSURANCE CO., MANCHESTER, N. H.
Assets Dec. 31, 1916
Real Estate, \$300,000.00
Mortgage Loans, \$24,500.00
Stocks and Bonds, \$5,800,438.00
Cash in Office and Bank, \$15,000.00
Agents' Balances, \$45,268.10
Bills Receivable, \$3,411.23
Interest and Rents, \$1,344.53
Gross Assets, \$6,090,040.83
Deduct items not admitted, \$6,121.31
Admitted Assets, \$6,083,919.52
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916
Net Unpaid Losses, \$1,313,035.09
Unearned Premiums, \$2,816,722.14
All other Liabilities, \$251,264.90
Cash Capital, \$1,250,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, \$2,100,428.41
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$4,669,722.54
\$223,070.21

THE HARTFORD STEAM BOILER INSPECTION & INSURANCE CO., HARTFORD, CONN.
Assets Dec. 31, 1916
Real Estate, \$80,000.00
Mortgage Loans, \$1,354,570.00
Stocks and Bonds, \$3,393,817.21
Cash in Office and Bank, \$20,803.00
Agents' Balances, \$47,000.00
Interest and Rents, \$8,111.14
All other Assets, \$4,818.78
Gross Assets, \$5,609,138.33
Deduct items not admitted, \$13,847.50
Admitted Assets, \$5,595,290.83
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916
Net Unpaid Losses, \$1,075,000.00
Unearned Premiums, \$2,738,500.00
All other Liabilities, \$244,800.00
Cash Capital, \$2,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, \$1,741,990.83
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$4,816,990.83
\$223,070.21

INDIANA LUMBERMEN'S MUTUAL INSURANCE CO., INDIANAPOLIS, IND.
Assets Dec. 31, 1916
Real Estate, \$36,500.00
Mortgage Loans, \$304,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, \$419,932.73
Cash in Office and Bank, \$21,812.82
Agents' Balances, \$2,100.00
Interest and Rents, \$9,841.23
Gross Assets, \$772,366.73
Admitted Assets, \$772,366.73
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916
Net Unpaid Losses, \$1,249,000.00
Unearned Premiums, \$250,421.81
All other Liabilities, \$5,882.47
Surplus over all Liabilities, \$428,440.20
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$1,923,842.01
\$712,366.73

THE FIDELITY AND CASUALTY CO. OF NEW YORK, 93-94 LIBERTY ST., 97-103 CHURCH ST., NEW YORK CITY.
Assets Dec. 31, 1916
Real Estate, \$1,295,833.45
Stocks and Bonds, \$10,537,063.55
Cash in Office and Bank, \$73,478.59
Premiums in Course of Collection, \$1,912,889.37
Interest and Rents, \$6,722.39
All other Assets, \$90,772.88
Gross Assets, \$14,715,060.13
Deduct items not admitted, \$1,003,706.39
Admitted Assets, \$13,711,353.74
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916
Net Unpaid Losses, \$1,449,705.30
Unearned Premiums, \$3,856,822.97
All other Liabilities, \$1,881,584.50
Cash Capital, \$1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, \$2,350,742.98
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$13,788,756.23
\$1,003,706.39

ST. PAUL FIRE & MARINE INS. CO., ST. PAUL, MINN.
Assets Dec. 31, 1916
Real Estate, \$332,215.40
Mortgage Loans, \$1,435,563.31
Stocks and Bonds, \$2,512,698.74
Cash in Office and Bank, \$10,728.10
Agents' Balances, \$1,431,506.50
Bills Receivable, \$5,499.19
Interest and Rents, \$5,197.45
All other Assets, \$37,651.91
Gross Assets, \$12,581,060.30
Deduct items not admitted, \$252,282.02
Admitted Assets, \$12,328,778.28
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916
Net Unpaid Losses, \$1,338,456.40
Unearned Premiums, \$5,864,416.50
All other Liabilities, \$1,360,478.50
Cash Capital, \$1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, \$3,859,846.41
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PROVIDENCE WASHINGTON IN. U. S. BRANCH NORTH BRITISH & SURANCE COMPANY, PROVIDENCE, R. I.
Assets Dec. 31, 1916
Real Estate, \$100,000.00
Mortgage Loans, \$5,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, \$3,592,839.15
Cash in Office and Bank, \$67,178.20
Agents' Balances, \$36,878.11
Bills Receivable, \$11,008.49
Interest and Rents, \$18,486.86
All other Assets, \$1,989,053.85
Gross Assets, \$6,320,000.60
Deduct items not admitted, \$3,995.93
Admitted Assets, \$6,316,004.67
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916
Net Unpaid Losses, \$920,582.10
Unearned Premiums, \$3,841,531.03
All other Liabilities, \$75,000.00
Cash Capital, \$1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, \$1,466,500.54
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$4,628,013.73

HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, HARTFORD, CONN.
Assets Dec. 31, 1916
Real Estate, \$715,577.93
Mortgage Loans, \$49,500.00
Collateral Loans, \$5,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, \$23,768,819.60
Cash in Office and Bank, \$2,266,000.40
Agents' Balances, \$3,046,421.98
Bills Receivable, \$12,485.72
Interest and Rents, \$273,503.28
All other Assets, \$5,052.37
Gross Assets, \$31,182,370.43
Deduct items not admitted, \$1,304,021.12
Admitted Assets, \$29,878,349.31
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916
Net Unpaid Losses, \$1,097,763.30
Unearned Premiums, \$17,735,857.87
All other Liabilities, \$1,025,000.00
Cash Capital, \$2,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, \$7,032,226.14
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$29,878,349.31

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Real Estate, \$36,500.00
Mortgage Loans, \$304,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, \$419,932.73
Cash in Office and Bank, \$21,812.82
Agents' Balances, \$2,100.00
Interest and Rents, \$9,841.23
Gross Assets, \$772,366.73
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Assets Dec. 31, 1916
Real Estate, \$1,295,833.45
Stocks and Bonds, \$10,537,063.55
Cash in Office and Bank, \$73,478.59
Premiums in Course of Collection, \$1,912,889.37
Interest and Rents, \$6,722.39
All other Assets, \$90,772.88
Gross Assets, \$14,715,060.13
Deduct items not admitted, \$1,003,706.39
Admitted Assets, \$13,711,353.74
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916
Net Unpaid Losses, \$1,449,705.30
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Assets Dec. 31, 1916
Real Estate, \$332,215.40
Mortgage Loans, \$1,435,563.31
Stocks and Bonds, \$2,512,698.74
Cash in Office and Bank, \$10,728.10
Agents' Balances, \$1,431,506.50
Bills Receivable, \$5,499.19
Interest and Rents, \$5,197.45
All other Assets, \$37,651.91
Gross Assets, \$12,581,060.30
Deduct items not admitted, \$252,282.02
Admitted Assets, \$12,328,778.28
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916
Net Unpaid Losses, \$1,338,456.40
Unearned Premiums, \$5,864,416.50
All other Liabilities, \$1,360,478.50
Cash Capital, \$1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, \$3,859,846.41
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$12,581,060.30
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Stocks and Bonds, \$2,512,698.74
Cash in Office and Bank, \$10,728.10
Agents' Balances, \$1,431,506.50
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Interest and Rents, \$5,197.45
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Unearned Premiums, \$5,864,416.50
All other Liabilities, \$1,360,478.50
Cash Capital, \$1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, \$3,859,846.41
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$12,581,060.30
\$12,328,778.28

U. S. BRANCH NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE OF LONDON & ED. INBURGH, GREAT BRITAIN.
Assets Dec. 31, 1916
Stocks and Bonds, \$3,307,476.29
Cash in Office and Bank, \$31,693.65
Agents' Balances, \$99,293.94
Bills Receivable, \$459.42
Interest and Rents, \$9,077.65
All other Assets, \$9,897.49
Gross Assets, \$10,087,902.35
Deduct items not admitted, \$604,983.62
Admitted Assets, \$9,482,918.71
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916
Net Unpaid Losses, \$705,400.18
Unearned Premiums, \$4,899,405.57
All other Liabilities, \$177,059.91
Surplus over all Liabilities, \$3,611,051.07
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$8,482,918.71

GERMAN AMERICAN INSURANCE CO., NEW YORK.
Assets Dec. 31, 1916
Real Estate, \$1,750,000.00
Mortgage Loans, \$26,150.00
Collateral Loans, \$250,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, \$18,830,076.00
Cash in Office and Bank, \$75,056.71
Agents' Balances, \$1,907,454.35
Bills Receivable, \$19,720.45
Interest and Rents, \$164,929.78
All other Assets, \$17,059.25
Gross Assets, \$23,841,040.52
Deduct items not admitted, \$127,568.59
Admitted Assets, \$23,713,471.96
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916
Net Unpaid Losses, \$908,239.62
Unearned Premiums, \$3,734,444.73
All other Liabilities, \$202,211.27
Cash Capital, \$2,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, \$10,750,422.29
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$23,713,471.96

ATLAS ASSURANCE CO., LTD., OF LONDON, ENGLAND.
Assets Dec. 31, 1916
Real Estate, \$3,878.81
Stocks and Bonds, \$5,805,459.91
Cash in Office and Bank, \$108,098.85
Agents' Balances, \$419,932.73
Interest and Rents, \$33,485.72
All other Assets, \$7,009.07
Gross Assets, \$5,444,835.09
Deduct items not admitted, \$273,180.14
Admitted Assets, \$5,171,654.95
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916
Net Unpaid Losses, \$1,158,729.37
Unearned Premiums, \$1,821,714.92
All other Liabilities, \$1,073.53
Surplus over all Liabilities, \$1,239,157.13
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$3,270,654.95
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ST. PAUL FIRE & MARINE INS. CO., ST. PAUL, MINN.
Assets Dec. 31, 1916
Real Estate, \$332,215.40
Mortgage Loans, \$1,435,563.31
Stocks and Bonds, \$2,512,698.74
Cash in Office and Bank, \$10,728.10
Agents' Balances, \$1,431,506.50
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